

INTERESTING POINTS EXPLAINED

Observe the single railroad track from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, a distance of 6000 miles; a branch line extends southward to Port Arthur. The entire Russian army in the far East depends upon this one railroad for transportation, food supplies and munitions. The principal towns in Japan, its military bases and cables, as well as the distances from its ports to other cities, are all indicated. The Yalu River district, not far from Port Arthur, is where the first land conflicts are expected. Japanese troops, massed along the northern boundary of Korea, will attempt to cross the Yalu, seize the railroad and cut off Port Arthur by land, as it is now isolated on the sea. Japan has a strong naval force at Hakodate, northernmost point, awaiting the Russian fleet from Vladivostok.

RUSSIAN SHIPS IN THE CHEMULPO FIGHT FLOATING TOMBS

Post-Dispatch Special Correspondent Sends Thrilling and First Detailed Account of the Battle in Which Russians Went to Death Singing.

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SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 10.—Via Shanghai, China, Feb. 17.—Russia's war ships, the *Variag* and *Korietz*, were caught in a hopeless trap at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning (Feb. 9) at Chemulpo.

The captain of the *Variag* held a conference with the British, French and Italian captains on board the *Talbot*, asking for protection from the foreign warships while he was leaving the harbor. The request was refused. The Russian captain then returned to his ship.

The *Variag* and *Korietz* promptly jettisoned their woodwork and all encumbrances. The crews assembled and the Russian national anthem was sung as the ships moved forward, with the men all cheering.

The American, British, Italian and French officers and men crowded the decks of their vessels, and the crews cheered loudly as the Russians passed out to battle. The Japanese fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral S. Urin, lay out six and three-quarter miles from the foreign ships.

At 11:50 the Japanese armored cruiser *Asama* fired on the approaching Russians with an eight-inch gun, and after the third shot, seven minutes later, the Russians replied. The range was 8000 yards. The Japanese fleet formed in line of battle and, at noon, the full fleet was engaged. The Japanese fire was heavy and unceasing, and was mainly directed against the *Variag*.

FIVE SHELLS IN QUICK SUCCESSION HIT VARIAG.

The Russians maneuvered rapidly to avoid the fire, but five shells struck the *Variag* in rapid succession, while the Japanese shrapnel fire swept the crews repeatedly from the guns.

A single shell killed or disabled all save one man at the foremast gun. One shell struck near the water line, exploding, and a sheet of flame shot up as high as the after fighting top.

Another shell demolished the fore bridge and set fire to debris, compelling the *Variag* to cease fire for nearly five minutes, while the crew was called to the fire stations.

Two shells penetrated at the water line, one amidships, while another pierced the upper deck just abaft the foremast.

Both bridges were wrecked and one funnel was shattered.

The absence of gun shields left the crews exposed to the rapid fire guns and the

shrapnel. The concussion was stupefying and the noise deafening. But, dazed and benumbed, the Russians kept on working their guns. One Russian lieutenant says:

"There was blood, blood, blood everywhere; severed limbs and torn bodies. It was horrible."

RUSSIANS HANDLED THE KORIEZ VERY SKILLFULLY.

One sub-lieutenant was killed in the conning tower of the *Variag*. The *Korietz* was little hurt and her crew apparently uninjured. She fired her eight-inch guns alternately, being handled very skillfully, while the *Variag* attempted to use an island as protection.

A shell, however, disabled the *Variag's* steering gear and her captain then resolved to attempt to run ashore on his return to the harbor so as to avoid capture and destruction.

The *Variag*, however, was hampered in her attempt to escape by the necessity of remaining near her slower consort. Both ships returned to the harbor, the *Variag* showing a heavy list. The cruiser anchored 300 yards from the *Talbot*, the *Korietz* lying further in. The ships fired at the Japanese while retreating, but the Japanese refrained from firing.

On the approach of the Russians, the British, French and Italian vessels cleared for action, but when the doomed ships had anchored the British ship *Talbot* dispatched surgeons to her in boats. Other warships and the Holt line steamer also sent aid.

PITIFUL SCENES AT REMOVAL OF THE WOUNDED.

The scenes on the removal of the wounded were indescribably pitiful. Most of the wounded were injured in many places, but the men showed fortitude and there was complete order. Great difficulty was, however, experienced in taking the wounded into boats.

Russian officers praise the precision of the Japanese fire, but the English experts declare that much fire was wasted on both sides.

The Japanese now left the vessels alone and the captain of the *Variag* declared his intention of destroying the ships. The men were accordingly removed to foreign warships.

The Americans refrained from attending the naval conference or taking any part in the demonstration, although some wounded were taken on board the *Vicksburg*.

When the *Korietz* was blown up there were two sharp explosions, one forward and one aft. A mass of flame rose 100 feet high and then came the smoke mounting to the heavens. As the noise of the explosion died away, voices of Russians were heard across the waters of the bay singing the national anthem.

VARIAG'S CAPTAIN BEGGED ENGLISH TO SINK HER.

The crew having been removed the *Variag's* sea cocks were opened and the ship

gradually filled. At 5 o'clock, sharp, small explosions were heard. The Russian captain, dreading that the Japanese would arrive before his ship sank, requested Capt. Bailey of the English cruiser *Talbot* to fire at her waterline, but he refused. Fire soon reached the captain's cabin, causing sharp explosions among the twelve-pounder ammunition.

The list to port became more marked, the stern of the ship heeled gradually over. There was a falling of gear and the ship finally went under.

Her guns now point heavenwards. All her tubes are charged with torpedoes. The starboard tubes project above at low tide, but the ship is completely submerged at high water.

The funnels, masts and davits of the *Korietz* are still visible. Soon after the *Variag* had disappeared the mail boat, *Sungari*, burst into flames and burned for many hours, lighting the harbor.

The crews of the Russian boats were well cared for on foreign vessels, the wounded having every attention. Many of the Russians, when they arrived on the foreign ships, seemed to be benumbed by shock, the deafening noise and trying experience.

120,000 JAP TROOPS ARE MASSED ALONG THE KOREAN FRONTIER

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CHEMULPO, Feb. 12.—According to military officials here the Japanese have now rolled their battle front along a line some distance south of the Yalu river.

This is their fighting front. The line which they are moving to hold stretches much further than this, and ranges from the great wall of China to Vladivostok.

Their fighting front is almost entirely concerned with Korea. There are two lines; one reaches from Chong Yu to Kiliu, from side to side of Korea, and is the strategic point south of the Yalu river.

No fewer than 30,000 of Japan's finest fighting men are massed on this first line.

Besides this first line, there is a second. Twenty thousand men are holding this second line. Altogether about 120,000 troops have been landed in Korea by Japan.

Russians on the Yalu are working night and day in immediate anticipation of a Japanese attack.

With Russia.

Early accounts are not strictly accurate of the naval engagement at Port Arthur a week ago. It now appears that the first squadron of the Japanese fleet made a diversion only to cover a well-planned attack by the torpedo boats.

The fourth of torpedo boats arrived off Port Arthur at midnight on Feb. 3 and made a feint, with a view to attack the Russian fleet on the front. The others of the Japanese torpedo flotilla, unobserved, passed around the Russian vessels on the right and managed to keep a comparatively safe position under the guns of the fortress.

The Japanese torpedoes, which appeared early the following morning (Tuesday last) and shelled the forts to give opportunity to the Japanese torpedo boats to escape.

These facts account for the small Japanese loss.

It is said here that the Russian warships from Vladivostok which have been cruising along the eastern coast of Yezo, the most northern of the Japanese islands, doing damage wherever opportunity presented, have returned to Vladivostok to coal.

The newspapers in Japan are expressing appreciation of the sympathy which is being shown Japan by western countries.

It will be the means of uniting the east and west in friendly relations.

PORT ARTHUR BATTERY EXPLODES; THE CESAREVICH IS BEYOND REPAIRS

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TIEN TSIN, Feb. 12.—All the forts at Port Arthur are using black powder.

There has been a big explosion in the battery on Golden Hill.

The battleship *Cesarevich* is beyond repair, it is stated now.

The town has supplies for six months. Dainy is being weakly defended.

The Seventeenth and Eighteenth Russian army corps are arriving in Manchuria.

Careful observers of the situation in Korea are unanimous regarding its gravity. Prince Suh has been dismissed from his post as governor of the province and replaced by a military officer.

The growing feeling of favor of Japan is shaping itself into a movement against foreigners. Anxiety is felt here and the conviction grows that it is of the utmost importance that a close watch be kept over China.

HEAVY MILITARY FORCE DESTINED TO FLANK PORT ARTHUR.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—An official dispatch received here today from Tokyo announces that one of the most important movements of Japanese yet made is occurring today. One of the main branches of the army, consisting of three divisions and including a division of guards, is now going on board transports. The previous landings of Japanese forces in Korea and elsewhere are said to have been small, compared with the simultaneous sailing of these divisions, aggregating approximately an army of 30,000 to 35,000 men. The Japanese are

thorities, it is added, had taken every precaution to prevent information from going out concerning the embarkation and the destination of this army. It is believed, but this is not sure, that the destination of this force is a point near the mouth of the Yalu river or a spot on the Liao Tung peninsula, flanking Port Arthur.

Lectures by Prof. Heller.

A series of two lectures on Goshart Hapmann, who is regarded as the foremost living man of letters in Germany, will be given by Dr. Otto Heller of Washington University in the university chapel on Thursday, Feb. 18 and 20, at 4 p. m.

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GERMANY SAID TO HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR BALTIC FLEET'S PASSAGE

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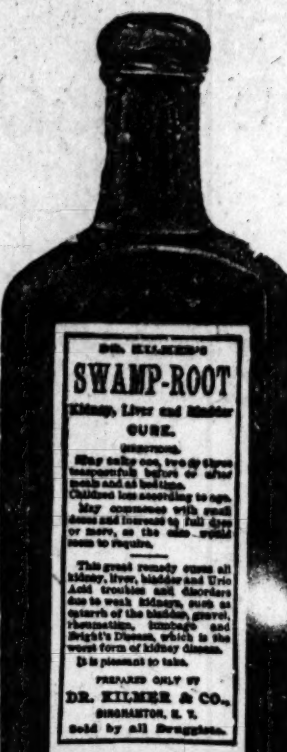
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DOLAN CASE UP TO STATE COMMITTEE

Jackson County Democrat Also Add to Troubles of Chairman Rothwell and Members.

CITY CHAIRMAN "STANDS PAT"

Hawes Supporters Embarrassed by Refusal to Resign After Conviction on Fraud Charge.

The troubles of the Democratic state committee are multiplying. Recently, Gov. Dockery, Harry B. Hawes and other leaders set out to bring about the retirement of "Long John" Dolan, chairman of the St. Louis city central committee. Dolan said "Bah!" to their manifesto.

The fact that he had been convicted of naturalization frauds and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary did not appeal to "Long John" as a sufficient reason for retiring.

Within the last day or two Harry Hawes, James McCaffery and Dolan have held spirited conferences, but thus far the Democratic chairman has decided to "stand pat."

Throughout the state the St. Louis Democrats are being severely criticized for allowing Dolan to remain at the head of the local party organization. It is particularly embarrassing because of the belief that the city committee is controlled by the supporters of Mr. Hawes.

When it was stated that the Butler men had a majority of the city committee, Mr. Hawes very promptly contradicted the statement, and wrote out a list of 13 ward committeemen who, he said, were for him.

The state committee, which has been asked to come to the rescue, confessed itself powerless, although it has agreed in a most diplomatic manner to "use its good offices."

Protest from Kansas City.

From a prominent Kansas City politician it was learned that the regular organization of Jackson County promises to make matters further interesting for the state committee. In view of the rule lately adopted in counties having more than one legislative district the unit shall prevail.

Hereafter in such counties the delegates to the state convention were selected by legislative districts.

Now it is said that Joe Shannon and other Kansas City leaders will again appeal to Chairman W. A. Rothwell before carrying out the state committee's mandate.

Attention will be called to the fact that the state law governing all primary elections distinctly provides that delegates shall be elected according to legislative districts.

The question which will then present itself is whether, ignoring that statute, the state committee has the right to make a rule of its own. When this issue was brought up before the committee there was a tie vote, and Rothwell was willing to do it.

On two former occasions, when Cook and Seiler respectively were at the head of the committee, the chairman refused to decide tie votes, but Rothwell was willing to do it.

Circuit Attorney Folk, who hoped to capture the state for the Democrats from Jackson County, was left to figure on the peculiar turns of politics.

\$4,600,000 LOAN TO BE RATIFIED

World's Fair Directors Will Meet on Friday to Act—Money Available at Once.

The World's Fair board of directors will meet Friday to ratify the issuance of a loan to the United States government for 40 per cent of the gate receipts until the \$4,600,000 borrowed from the government by a special act of Congress is fully repaid.

As told in late editions of Tuesday's Post-Dispatch the loan was to have been ratified at the meeting held at 3 o'clock in the rooms of the Noonday Club, but the adjournment of Congress through respect for Senator Hanna delayed final action on the appropriation bill.

Judge Franklin Ferris, general counsel for the fair, has remained in St. Louis to look after the final arrangements for securing the loan, and also prepare the bill.

Under the conditions of the appropriation \$1,000,000 of the money loaned becomes available immediately, the second million before the end of February, a third in March, the fourth million in April and \$600,000 May 1.

The payments are to be made from the gate receipts June 15 and on the 1st of each month thereafter until paid.

The directors have guaranteed that no payment shall be less than \$50,000. In his address to the directors, President Francis denied the report that he or other officials had ever opposed the appropriation of \$10,000 for the woman's commission, their only difference having been the supervision of the expenditure of the money, which was readily abandoned.

DUAL INSPECTION ABOLISHED.

Position of City Statistician Proposed in a New Ordinance.

Two bills, one abolishing the office of city factory inspector, the other creating the office of supervising statistician in the comptroller's office, were passed by the City Council at Tuesday night's meeting.

The factory inspector's office is abolished because the state inspector does the work. The supervising statistician will draw \$2500 a year.

An additional clause was received for the bill providing for the lease of Forest Park Cottage for five years. The addition provides that the lease of the cottage shall not interfere with the sale of liquor for an extension of time from May 1, 1904, to Nov. 1, 1904, for the opening of W. D. Becker's Bremen avenue ferry was introduced. The February and March street widening appropriations, amounting to \$30,957, were passed.

JEWELS TAKEN, NEPHEW GONE

Double Disappearance Followed by Discovery of Valuables in Pawnshop.

The disappearance of diamonds and jewelry, valued at \$500, from the residence of Elliott C. Shourds of 645 Cook avenue has been reported to the police.

Mr. Shourds also reports that his nephew, Donald W. Shourds, aged 19, of Chicago, has suddenly left his residence, where he has made his home.

WEED VS. CREED AT HOTEL ENDEAVOR

Young People's Society Officers Are Opposed to Sale of Tobacco at Headquarters.

The advisory board of the St. Louis Christian Endeavor Union has been called upon to decide whether the support of the Christian Endeavor Hotel during the World's Fair if the management shall open a cigar and tobacco stand.

The board is acting, it is said, on the same grounds that prompted the instructions to the National Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at Boston to announce that the hotel and auditorium would not be considered the official headquarters of the union unless the exclusion of tobacco was guaranteed.

Members and officers fear that if a cigar stand is permitted, the accompanying nickel-in-the-slot machines and other forms of petty gambling will creep in. The hotel, which is now nearing the completion of the third story, is being erected by private interests. The men backing it state that no matter what action is taken by the Y. P. S. C. E., the hostility will be open during the fair.

The Endeavorers say that when the proposition was submitted to them, it was understood that no tobacco should be sold on the premises, and that no other features should be contrary to the principles of the society.

THE PROPOSAL.

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BEEF COMPANIES TO COMBINE.

Bischoff and Krey Firms Have Secured Heil Property.

It is understood in packing circles that the Krey Dressed Beef Co. and the Gus Bischoff, Jr., Packing Co. are about to consolidate. Both Mr. Bischoff and J. J. Krey, heads of the two concerns, while implying that such is the case, decline to furnish any definite information.

It is said that the allied interests have secured the property of the Heil Packing Co. at Rock Springs, and will install a modern plant at that point. The property is opposite the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co. the president of which now has a suit pending in the state court against Gus Bischoff, Jr., from engaging in the packing business.

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WILL RAINS MELT ICEBERG NOLAND?

DEADLOCK FIRM OVER A HOSTESS

Missouri World's Fair Commission
Have Thus Far Been Unable to
Agree on One Woman.

THE BATTLE IS ON TODAY

Thirty Applicants for the Position
and Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Gentry
Are Tied in the Voting.

With the reassembling of the members of the Missouri World's Fair commission at the Southern Hotel last Wednesday morning, the battle for the position of hostess of the Missouri building was again on.

At a half dozen previous meetings the state commission, deferred selecting a woman for this position because of the inability of a majority of its members to agree upon one of the candidates.

Not one of the members was ready to say Wednesday morning that the deadlock had been broken and that at its present session the choice will be made.

Disappointment for 29 Women.

"The situation is just about the same as it was at the last meeting. Things are calm," was the only comment of Judge J. H. Hawthorne of Kansas City, when questioned.

All the members of the commission would like to have the matter settled and of their hands, but they are all politicians, more or less, and naturally are proceeding slowly and cautiously about an action that will necessarily offend a number of prominent women in various parts of the state.

It is conceded that no matter who is named there will be bitter disappointment among the other applicants.

The nine men who are confronted with this situation are:

M. T. Davis, Aurora, chairman; Luman F. Parker, St. Louis; B. H. Bonfleur, Unionville; W. H. Marshall, Moorhouse; Judge J. H. Hawthorne, Kansas City; David P. Stroup, Lakeview; N. H. Gentry, Sedalia; J. O. Allison, New London, and Frank J. Moss, St. Joseph.

There are about 30 applicants for the position. The salary that will be paid to the office of hostess has not as yet been fixed. But there will be a salary, and, incidentally, the hostess will have an entertainment fund, and she will preside over the finest state building in the exposition grounds.

Prominent among the applicants is Mrs. Richard P. Bland of Lebanon, widow of the distinguished Missouri legislator, who for years was a conspicuous figure in national politics. She was hostess of the Missouri building at Atlanta.

The widow of another prominent Missourian is among the applicants. She is Mrs. George B. Macfarlane of Columbia, whose husband was for several years a justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Among the applicants is a namesake, if not a relative, of Commissioner Gentry. She is Mrs. Laura B. Gentry of Kansas City.

Only one has the commission voted on the hostess subject. That was during its last meeting in St. Louis. After the meeting one of the commissioners told the Post-Dispatch that Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Gentry were tied in the voting.

Miss Jole Harwood of Sweet Springs is also a candidate, and strong political influence in central Missouri is said to be behind her.

Several of the candidates have been working for months to secure the appointment. A few members of the commission have been classed as "pledged" to individual candidates from the start, but others have been buttonholed and pleaded with by friends of the women applicants almost continuously since.

There are Republicans as well as Democrats on the commission and the candidates have combed the entire state for influence that might aid their chance with the commission.

Several of the candidates have interviewed the members of the commission personally and, usually, some of them appear in the Southern Hotel parlors on the days the commission meets.

Up to date Mrs. Anna Ashby Seelen of Moberly, who offered herself as a compromise candidate, is the only one who has sent her photograph with her application.

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HOW THE UNERRING EYE OF THE CAMERA SEEKS OUT AND IDENTIFIES CRIMINALS



BILL RUDOLPH.

This interesting picture is obtained by placing a photograph of Bill Rudolph taken in the Lansing (Kan.) penitentiary, where he was known as "Charles Gorney" over one of Rudolph's taken in the St. Louis jail. The result brings out the identity of the Kansas convict in a striking way.

PLANNING TO GET RUDOLPH BACK

Sheriff Bruch Returns to Union and Requisition Papers Are Being Prepared.

Sheriff Thomas B. Bruch of Franklin County, who identified "Charles Gorney" as "Bill" Rudolph Tuesday, returned to Union, in company with Pinkerton detectives, Wednesday morning, and began at once with prosecuting Attorney O. E. Mayersack the task of preparing requisition papers for the bank burglar and murderer. These requisition papers will be sent Wednesday night to Jefferson City, where Acting Governor Ribbey will be asked to transmit them to Gov. Bailey of Kansas.

The identification of "Gorney" as Rudolph is complete, and neither the Pinkertons nor the state officials anticipate serious difficulty in securing his return to Missouri for trial.

THE GREATEST GRETNA GREEN

Six Justices of the Peace of Belleville Lay Claim to Having United 4000 Couples.

The building of an electric line to Clayton and the opening of a marriage license office in East St. Louis have together not availed to rob Belleville of its glamor as the Gretna Green of St. Louis.

The six justices of the peace of Belleville have performed 4000 weddings in their office in the last 12 years of their term.

Justice William E. Ward makes a specialty of marriages and foregoes the comforts of an office that he may watch every incoming car from the direction of Eads bridge. As a result in the 12 years of his official career he claims to have married 1500 couples.

Justice Henry Guentz, the veteran squire of the county seat, comes next with something like 1200 couples in his 30 years of service.

Justice Elijah Canaday has been tying nuptial knots a dozen years, and puts his total at 1000 marriages to date.

Justice Louis E. Wangelin is a young man at the business, but has performed just 200 ceremonies since elected to office in 1899.

Justice J. W. McCullough, in office since last September, and John A. Bedel, a justice since October, each acknowledges 25 weddings.

Various explanations as to the popularity of Belleville among St. Louis young people are given by these different justices, but all admit that more than half of their weddings come from across the river.

One justice believes that many of the couples seek merely to surprise their friends by returning home with the announcement that "we're married," and come to the Illinois side for secrecy. Some of these secrets, they say, keep for a year or more, for not all of them who should do so give St. Louis as their homes. Hence the newspapers are fooled.

Another set of marrying judges declare that it is the spirit of enjoyment that prompts the trip to Belleville, that happy young folk feel that they are "going somewhere" and that the electric car ride is itself a pleasure, and that Belleville is a fine town to get married in, anyhow.

AN EADS BRIDGE DIVER.

Skoski's Twelve-Foot Drop Didn't Result Even in a Bruise.

Stahlen Skoski, who says he lives somewhere in East St. Louis, was arrested Tuesday night for diving over the railing of the east approach to Eads bridge. The drop was 12 feet, and Skoski took it with ease. He was not even dazed, and the puffed policeman who examined him for sores, bruises and broken bones couldn't find any of them. Skoski doesn't know how he fell through the bridge. He knows he was on top of the bridge and under it, and that he didn't walk down. He was kept in the station house for the night, because the police thought he was drunk, and was then allowed to go his way.

HISTORY WAS MADE ON VIRGINIA FARM

Place Owned by Detroit Man May Be Come Property of the Nation.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—An estate owned by a Detroit man, which is creating national interest and discussion, and which may soon become the property of the nation, is the famous old Temple farm in Virginia, now in the possession of Sidney A. Withers.

As one of the most interesting relics of United States history and the scene of Washington's triumph over Cornwallis, this beautiful spot is a center of interest to thousands of patriotic Americans. So closely is it connected with the important events in the formation of the country that it is often called "the central spot of history," and from all sides petitions are pouring in to the government to buy the farm and house and preserve them as a monument to the memory of the first President of the United States.

Temple farm was the home successively of Lord Spotswood, Washington, Lafayette and Rochambeau. It is situated in one of the most picturesque spots in America, and under the ownership of Mr. Withers is being carefully cultivated until of its 500 acres nearly 400 are now in a state of beauty.

To the east is an unbroken view of Chesapeake bay. To the north can be seen the marine traffic of the old river navy. To the west rises the monument erected by the federal government commemorating the surrender of Cornwallis, and that other spot sacred to the memories of heroes—the National Cemetery.

Not only are the surroundings of Temple farm historic, but the farm itself, with its famous old "Morse" house, and other spots, is a place which has borne the footsteps of armies.

The famous "McClellan road" is here; the remains of the first place of worship in Virginia are another interesting relic, as well as the oldest marked grave in the United States.

But of the many historic associations of the place the most interesting is that of the event which won for Washington the title of "Father of His Country." Here, in the corner room of the Moore house, during the war between the states, the articles of capitulation between Cornwallis and Washington were drawn up by the command.

On this same spot in 1835 came the first revolt against British rule, so that Temple farm has the distinction of being the spot where the first and last act of revolt which led to the birth of the republic took place.

During the centennial celebration Moore house was thrown open to distinguished guests of the Southern States. The committee will draw up a plan for merging the two historic spots into one.

The committees convened separately Wednesday morning, but it is expected that there will be a joint session Wednesday afternoon.

The Presbyterian Social Club will entertain the committee and others with a banquet at the Mercantile Club Thursday night. Gen. George H. Shreve will preside. Among the speakers will be Rev. W. H. McCall and Dr. W. H. Black.

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STRINGS TIED TO MEXICAN GRANTS

Hedging and Taxing Methods Leave
Little Opportunity for Small
American Manufacturers.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CITY OF MEXICO, Mexico, Feb. 17.—The chances of an American succeeding in business in Mexico ten years ago, whether in mining or other investments or in manufacturing, were much better than they are today. There are ten Americans in Mexico today to one a decade ago. There are about 10,000 Americans and English in the City of Mexico, and probably 20,000 natives and Europeans who also speak the English language.

More than one important line of industry is controlled by English houses 25 years ago, dry goods and hardware especially. In these lines, without exception, there is not an English house doing business in the republic today.

The foreigners who contemplate beginning business of any kind in Mexico must first procure permission from the government in the form of a stamped document, obtained after much red tape. Failure to obtain this permission in the manner prescribed by law is fraught with dire consequences to the delinquent.

The Ubiquitous
Stamp Annoying.

Furthermore, every blank book which constitutes the ordinary business office outfit, ledger, day book, order, sales and invoice book, must be regularly stamped in the government office. Sales and invoice books must be stamped on every leaf. Every blank check drawn must be stamped in accordance with its face value. Bills call for stamps to the extent of 5 cents for each \$1. Failure to comply with this regulation means, if detected, the infliction of heavy fines.

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"WE'LL LIVE ON LOVE FOR A WHILE," SAYS THIS 17-YEAR-OLD BRIDE



MRS. CHARLES SPIES

Mrs. Charles Spies Has All the Confidence in the World in Her 20-Year-Old Husband Who Just Hasn't Any Job—Mother of Groom Hopes Her Boy Will Return.

Charles Spies, 20-year-old husband, and his 17-year-old wife are spending their honeymoon in the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Nicholas at 816 South Eighth street, while the groom's sad-eyed mother waits despondently at her home at Eleventh and Park avenue for her boy to return.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Now, without going to the point to believe that France will do because she is Gallic. I declare my partiality for that Journal Tower of Journalism which has in its 144 pages not one little word to make the old men of St. Louis laugh.

THIS STORY WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE POST-DISPATCH TOMORROW

THE GIRL IN BLACK

Complete in Ten Chapters. Back Numbers May Be Obtained From Your Newsdealer.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Roderick Van Nostrand, a wealthy young St. Louisan, is loved by six girls, each of whom seeks from Mother Rebekah (a gray fortune teller) a low-price whereby to win his heart. Among the six is a girl dressed and veiled in black. Van Nostrand calls to consult the old gypsy. She gives him a bracelet on which is scratched a sentence. Scattered through the words of this sentence, she tells him, are hidden the letters forming the name of the woman whom he is to marry. She adds that the woman in question is "the girl in black," who has just quitted the tent, and says he cannot win her until he guesses her name. The bracelet she a talisman which will guard its wearer from harm.

CHAPTER IV.

The Working of the Charm.

NIGHT about a month after Roderick Van Nostrand's visit to Chief Lovell's camp a throng of the more exclusive from Westmoreland, Hortense and Portland places was gathered for the last big dance of the season. The evening was warm, and from the wide-open windows floated the hum of merry voices in the intervals between the music.

In the dressing room a half dozen women were still lingering putting finishing touches to gown and hair.

"These warm weather dances are boring," said one of the loiterers in a strident voice that reached the severely mannish attire. "One meets the same old crowd and hears the same old talk. There is not a new face here; not a face I haven't seen a hundred times."

"There's a face I've never seen before," said Kate Clark, who was standing by the door. "I met her at the school of boarding school most of the year, so I only know about half the people that come to these dances. But this face stays in my mind."

"You're beginning early, Madeline," laughed Kate Clark. "Who is he?"

"It isn't he, at all. It's 'she,'" replied the schoolgirl, gushing. "She was leaving the dressing room just as I came in. She had such a beautiful, noble, mysterious sort of face. I wanted to speak to her but somehow I was afraid to. I wonder who she was?"

"Perhaps," hopefully suggested another of the group, "if you'd describe something else about her besides her face, some of us

may be able to tell you who she is. What did she wear?"

"She was dressed in black. All in black. Not an ornament, flower or jewel. And yet she didn't seem to be in mourning."

"There are lots of girls who wear black dresses to dances," answered Kate Clark, snubbingly. "In spite of your rhapsodies, she is probably some one we all know, and her face may not be so ravishingly beautiful after all."

"But it is!" insisted the schoolgirl. "It is as beautiful in its own way. Aunt Kate, as the face of the man whose picture you twisted that grass wand around. If—"

A ruddy blush rose to Kate Clark's cheeks. And a general laugh she seized her too-talkative niece and plotted her to the ballroom on the floor below.

There Madeline's eyes scanned the crowd in vain for the face that had so fascinated her. Several women wore black ball dresses, but she could not discover which, if any of them, was the mysterious stranger who had so attracted her.

Suddenly the schoolgirl grasped her aunt's arm.

"There!" she whispered in excitement. "Who, your woman in black?"

"No, the man whose picture hangs in your room. The picture you twisted the grass wand about. He's coming toward us! Who is he?"

"Hush," whispered Kate, fiercely; then "Good evening!" she hailed the newcomer in her strident voice. "Beastly warm, isn't it?"

Roderick Van Nostrand paused beside them a moment, spoke a careless word or

two of greeting, bowed in acknowledgment of his introduction to Madeline and was passing on when the schoolgirl suddenly exclaimed, pointing to his wrist:

"Why, how funny for a man to wear a bracelet! Such an old-fashioned one, too. I only saw it for a second under your cuff when you raised your hand."

"Madeline!" whispered Kate Clark, reprovingly.

"I think this is our dance," said Roderick, stepping over to where Miriam Haynes sat beside her mother. The tall girl flushed slightly with pleasure and excitement as she rose. She covered her confusion by taking some little time to remove and adjust on the chain the light wrap she had thrown over her shoulders.

"It's now or never," she murmured to herself. "The charm that old gypsy woman

gave me, that wax seal with his features stamped in it, lies next my heart, where I placed it tonight, knowing I should see him. When I next year he has made me, 'till it melts. When the face disappears his heart will be yours. If it be the will of the Three!" It must surely melt in this warm room. If only his heart, too, will melt!"

During this momentary interval Roderick Van Nostrand had recoiled with a thrill of mortification the schoolgirl's rude comment on his bracelet.

"If she saw it, anyone else could," he grumbled, sotto voce. "And the first thing I saw the society papers will have a little paragraph about my trying to set a silly fashion of men wearing bracelets. I'm a fool to have believed the rot that old

witch told me."

He covertly unclasped the bracelet-charm from his wrist and thrust it carelessly into his waistcoat pocket just as Miriam turned toward him.

More than one pair of eyes turned admiringly—more than one pair of feminine eyes turned jealously—on the tall, handsome couple as they threaded their way through the throng of waiters. No one, though,

heard a slight tinkling sound, drowned by the clash of music, as Mother Rebekah's bracelet slipped from the shallow pocket of Van Nostrand's white waistcoat and fell unheeded to the polished floor.

As the rhythm and charm of the waltz sank more and more deeply into Roderick's senses he found himself bending looks of real admiration on the stately girl whose step so perfectly accorded with his and whose eyes were raised confidently. Strange he thought, that he had known Miriam Haynes so long and never before had realized what a lovely girl she was. He could not think that the waxen seal, next to her heart, was slowly beginning to melt. And the bracelet that was to serve him as a charm against all love philters was lying unnoticed somewhere on the ballroom floor.

On and on they danced. When the sudden ceasing of the music brought them to a standstill it was with real regret that Van Nostrand removed his arm from Miriam's slender waist.

"What a beautiful waltz!" she sighed. "Have you the next dance free, by any chance?" he asked, eagerly. "Her net was taken, but the look in his eyes led her to say:

"Yes, it is free. Shall we sit it out, though? I am a—little tired. The conservatory is cooler. Shall we go there?"

Roderick Van Nostrand vaguely remembered that Kate Clark had promised him the next dance. But he gave no thought to the rudeness of which he was guilty in thus throwing her over and of the offense that must befall it did not seem to him to matter. Nothing seemed to matter, except Miriam Haynes' dark eyes, her glossy black hair, her graceful, statuesque figure and the voice that now seemed to fall on his ears like liquid music. Everything seemed vague. As a man in a dream he walked toward the conservatory with Miriam on his arm.

So full was his mind of Miriam and her beauty that, though he passed close by a certain window opening on a dark alleyway, he did not see the face of a man, bearded and dark, that had for the last half hour been gazed at the glass, studying Van Nostrand's every gesture and making occasional quick pencil notes on a dirty pad. As Roderick passed the window the man drew back, only to reappear a moment later under the open conservatory window, near which the two had just seated themselves.

"I have studied his face and manner and actions," said the eavesdropper to himself. "Now to study his voice."

Roderick and Miriam had chosen a seat in a dark corner, sheltered from view behind a clump of palms.

"What a beautiful waltz," repeated the girl.

"It was perfect," he answered. "No one can dance as you can. And," he added, "there is no one so beautiful."

She looked up quickly, amazed at this heavy style of compliment. But there was a light in his blue eyes that proved how deeply in earnest he was. He leaned forward, speaking breathlessly.

HOW TO FIND THE HEROINE'S NAME AND WIN ONE OF THE 21 PRIZES

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THERE will be 10 chapters in this story. In each is a misspelled word—not a blurred or broken word, but one plainly and clearly printed and intentionally misspelled. The absent letters of these words taken serially spell the heroine's name.

In the first chapter of the story was this sentence: "The loved one's features trace." "Loved" should have been "loved." The absent letter—the right letter for the correct word—was "v." That is the first letter of the Girl in Black's name. The nine other letters will be found in the same way in the nine other chapters.

Fill out the appended blank day by day as you read the story and the letters in the last column, following them downward, will spell the name. The misspelled word, the corrected word and the letter found for each chapter must be written in blank until it is completely filled and the story finished.

The story will end Wednesday, Feb. 24. Replies will be received by mail until 12 noon Friday, Feb. 27. The names of winners will be announced the following Tuesday.

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THE HEROINE'S NAME

Name of Sender.....
Address.....

Send replies to "Girl in Black" Editor, Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo.

"Miss Haynes—Miriam—I seem never to have known until tonight how much—"

He stopped abruptly and glanced up. A shadow had fallen across them. A woman stood holding something toward him. The light was behind her, so that he could not distinguish her features. She was dressed wholly in black.

Mechanically he stretched forth his hand to take what she offered. Into his palm, from her fingers, fell something that tinkled as it fell. Then she turned without a word and left them.

Roderick looked at his hand. The charm-bracelet lay in its palm. Half unconsciously he clasped it about his wrist. As he did so a mist seemed to lift from his brain. He looked coldly, critically at Miriam Haynes.

How, he wondered, could he have fanned for a moment that he cared for her?

"Come," he said, rising. "Shall we go back to the ballroom?"

"The charm!" muttered the man at the window, as they passed out. "The charm—and—the Woman in Black!"

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

Clever Little Stories

WHEN Secretary of War Taft was a young man he was driving one day on the outskirts of Cincinnati, when he was accosted by a pedestrian, who wanted to know the way to a certain village. Mr. Taft told him that he was going right past the road that branched off to the town in question and invited the stranger to ride with him. The pedestrian accepted the offer with the grudging remark that "poor company was better than none." He occupied his seat in haughty silence, answering his companion's efforts to entertain him only in monosyllables. He drew out a well-filled case and selected a cigar, but did not offer one to his companion. Altogether, he was unsocial and ungenial. At last, though, he found his voice. "How about that branch road I was to take?" he asked. "Oh," said Young Taft, "we passed that six miles back." "Why didn't you tell me?" asked the stranger in anger. "Because I didn't want to lose your society," was Taft's reply; "poor company, you know, is better than none."

One of the things which is worrying the protectionists in England is the habit of foreign manufacturers have of selling articles cheaper in Great Britain than in their own countries, as the American steel-rail makers, for example. This is called "dumping." Sir Robert Hall, the astronomer, made use of the current interest in fiscal subjects in a recent lecture. He said he had been warned before coming on the platform on no account to mention the fiscal question, but he added, "I cannot help characterizing this (a fragment of meteorite) as a flagrant case of 'dumping.'"

A northern man tells that, while traveling through the South, he once saw a negro, hoe in hand, sitting under a tree at the edge of a cornfield that was badly overrun with weeds. The negro, in reply to a question as to what he was doing, said, drawingly, that he was out there to "hoe dat cohn." "Then what are you doing under the tree—resting?" persisted the traveler. "No, sah, Ah'm not restin'!" was the answer. "Ah'm not tired. Ah'm waitin' for the sun to go down so Ah kin quit wukin'."

EXPANSION OF TRADE.

Ex-Vice Consul Linderman's a credit to the nation.

He has introduced our wares where Africa Sultanate rule.

More than this, he brings us back—we give congratulation—Six Arabian couriers for one old Missouri mule.

He, perhaps would rest upon this record. As a starter

It is good, but we would ask another favor yet.

Please go to Morocco yet another time and later

William Jennings Bryan for whatever you can yet.

—Town Topics.

YAR-SEEING PROVIDENCE.

Jugglers: The liking for terrapin is said to be an acquired taste.

Waggies: That's another of the wise provisions of nature. Terrapin now costs \$10 a dozen. —Town Topics.

Romances of the "Personal" Column—The Widow and Her Possessions.



Her Charity Brought Trouble

"HEREAFTER," said the girl with the rosebud mouth and the appealing eyes, "I shall never do anything out of charity and kindness of heart. Pass the chocolate cake over here, will you, please? Just because I tried to be obliging I am out on the cold, cold world, with never a kindly hand outstretched. It doesn't pay."

"You look like a friendless outcast," unfeelingly remarked the girl with the naturally curly hair. "Something like a \$100 kitten on a velvet pillow and plenty of cream handy. What have you got to growl about, I'd like to know?"

"That's all you know about it," said she of the appealing blue eyes. "Two days before the Maxams' big cotillion Della Smith stopped me as I was passing her house. She said she had the biggest sort of a favor to ask of me. Della is so plain and blundering and unattractive—and tiresome. But I must not criticize. She wanted me to take care that that stunning New York young woman shouldn't monopolize Mr. James Hardman at the cotillion—James Hardman, if you please, who has been such a rage since he came here this winter and who doesn't know poor Della is in sight. I just gaped like a fish while she went on. She said it would be silly to pretend she could cut out the New York girl—she knew her limitations, and, besides, she never could deliberately set out to attract the attention of any man, but she knew it would be so easy for me—no trouble at all, in fact. I didn't know whether to be mad or complimented. As if I were such a flirt!"

She paused in pink and white horror, but her listeners did not seem stunned by the impossibility of such a thought.

"I told her I didn't see how it would help

her if I did, but she said she knew I'd give her a chance when once I had cleared the field. Well, I never was particularly impressed by Jimmy Hardman, anyhow—he's too small and supercilious—but it occurred to me it would be a good chance to pay back Tom for taking another girl to the theater, so I wore my most becoming gown and threw caution to the winds."

"I should say you did," said the girl with the curly hair. "The whole room was talking about how awfully you carried on."

"Oh, I suppose so," said the martyr, wearily. "That's part of my reward. Nobody will know how hard I worked or how bored I was. The New York girl was no weak creature to down and she evidently had determined to dance the cotillion with Mr. Hardman, but I beat her. Tom was so surprised when I told him I was engaged for it. He had come for me as a matter of course. I never knew such a tiresome man as Jimmy Hardman. He talked all the evening about himself and I had to hang on every word. He never knew what I had on and doesn't know the color of my eyes to this day. All he does know is that I am the most graceful and generous flatterer he ever met and he likes me for it. In fact, he's been so devoted since that dance I can't miss him whichever way I turn. He comes and talks to me about himself for hours and nobody else gets a chance. He simply brushes aside contemptuously the suggestion of going with me to see Della and now she is so mad at me she turns purple on sight. She is telling every one what a hardened and selfish person I am. And Tom hasn't been near. In fact, he has been going to call on the girl from New

York since and seems so contented that it is maddening. He thinks I like Jimmy Hardman, when I detest the man. And there is no way of making Tom understand it. He's too small and supercilious—but I can't manage to escape that Hardman creature pretty soon I'll go daft."

Just at this juncture the maid brought in a florist's box.

"Tom always sends flowers from this florist," excitedly cried the heroine of the tale, grabbing the box. "I know he's understood at last and relented." She tenderly lifted the immense cluster of violets, while the girl with the curly hair picked up the fallen card and read it aloud.

"Mr. James Jenkinson Hardman," she said distinctly—and the bunch of violets was instantly hurled across the room.

Judged From Appearances

SENATOR PROCTOR of Vermont likes to tell of an experience he had some time ago while making a tour of the West. He was accompanied by Mrs. Proctor and some 15 or 20 other men and women. The party made a stop at Salt Lake City and the Senator and his wife went for a walk about the place, half a dozen ladies following them. That morning a large party of tourists from the East had arrived there and some of them caught sight of Mr. Proctor and his friends. Said one of the tourists in a stage whisper: "There's an old Mormon out for a walk with his wives. I wonder if he has any more." —Kansas City Star.

KEPT HIS WORD

IN an address that he recently delivered on the labor question, W. Bourke Cockran told a story of his boyhood. "I was born in Ireland," he said, "and in Ireland I obtained a part of my education. I remember well the school I attended, and I remember well a schoolfellow of mine named Michael, a lad who was always talking about trouble and always looking for it. We are on the question of trouble now, and therefore in Michael's experience it may be that there is something to profit us."

"Michael boasted constantly that the master was afraid to flog him. Why? Oh, because his father had said that if a hand was ever laid upon the boy, there would be trouble. But one day Michael misbehaved, and the flogging due was not long in coming.

The boy went home indescribably enraged. He sought out his father.

"Father," he said, "didn't you say that if the schoolmaster ever licked me there would be trouble?"

"I did," the father answered.

"Well, I was licked today, and only for throwing paper pellets about the room."

"The father frowned.

"I never fail, my son, to keep a promise," he said. "There is going to be trouble. Fetch the strap." —Los Angeles Times.

ENOUGH SAID.

Townlet: Hello, Mark! You seem all done up. Gasoline stove?

Mark: No! Chafing dish.

Townlet: Chafing dishes don't explode.

Mark: My wife threw it!

Questioned Taft's Digressions

HOW is your digestion? Is your stomach weak? Does it subject you to inconvenience and distress by day and disturb your rest by night? Does indigestion acquaint you with the horrors of dyspepsia?

These questions were propounded to Secretary Taft in the first letter he received after entering upon his duties as head of the war department. The questions were clipped from a newspaper advertisement, and beneath them was the picture of an insomniac patient.

The following note accompanied the questions:

"To the Secretary of War—Sir: The enclosed questions are addressed to your conscience as a public officer. Unless you can answer them in the negative you should immediately resign. From a Common or Garden Lawyer."

The handwriting was that of Secretary Root—Washington Times.

AGAINST THE MEANEST MAN.

From the New York Press.

At last the very meanest man is found. His habitat is Brooklyn, the city of bills and babies. A physician who attended his sick wife presented a bill for services amounting to \$200. "I refuse to pay it," the meanest man said. "I did not authorize you to prescribe for my wife."

"Well, somebody sent for me, and I have saved her life, sir, saved her life!" "Put that admission in writing, sir. If you poster me, I'll sue for damages and if there's any justice under high heaven I'll win."

WANTED A MOURNER.

The lawyer was drawing up Enspeck's will.

"I hereby bequeath all my property to my wife," dictated Enspeck. "Got that down?"

"Yes," answered the attorney. "On condition," answered Enspeck, "that she marry again within a year."

"But why that condition?" asked the man of law.

"Because," answered the meek and lowly testator, "I want somebody to be sorry that I died. See?"

USUAL THING.

"I have a little bill here," began the caller as he entered the office, "that I—"

"Haven't time to attend to it now," interrupted the man at the desk. "I'm simply rushed to death. Come in again."

"But," continued the party of the first part, "I want to pay this bill."

"O—er—come right in and sit down," said the busy man. "Here, try those imported cigars—and stick a couple of 'em in your pocket."

HE GIVES UP.

The Chief: It's no use. I've got to resign. The house manager makes me no breaking still another name for him.

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BOY—Sit. by colored boy to drive call or address. 4325 Cottage.

CARPENTER—Situation as carpenter; hand's man; would like situation.

CARPENTER—Wants work by or responsible; good references. 3244 Olive st.

CLERK—Sit. wanted by neat, em American, 26, to learn retail; good references. Ad. Y 44, P. 1.

CLERK—Sit. wanted by young clerk; 6 years experience; best Ad. T 180, Post-Dispatch.

CLERK—Young man of 20 wants assistant bookkeeper or office work; experience; best of references. Ad. J.

CLERK—Sit. wanted in grocery or retail; understands all details; experience. Ad. J., 2025 Easton

CLERK—Grocery clerk wishes position; some experience in meat department; best of references. Ad. J.

CLERK—Situation by young man, preferred. M. K., 1617 S. 9th st.

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E. H. SOTHERN AND CECILIA LOFTUS IN "THE PROUD PRINCE"

Next week will be notable in local amusements. Sir Henry Irving, the leading figure on the English stage, will be at the Olympic; Grace Van Studdford, the St. Louis actress, will be at the Olympic; and the opera, "Red Feather," will be at the Century; and Charles Richman will be at the Grand in "Capt. Britannia," a play which has been heard of "which is now coming to the Olympic." Sir Henry Irving's engagement at the Olympic will be exceptional in that the

The merchant of Venice will be the first of the series of plays to be presented, and it will also be given on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, and Friday evening, Feb. 4. A double bill consisting of "The Merchant of Venice" and "Twelfth Night" will be given on Thursday evening, Feb. 3, and Thursday evening, Feb. 4.

Louis XIV" will be given on Saturday evening, Feb. 27. The sale of seats for the Thursday morning the Olympic Theater.

Reginald de Koven says he wrote "Red Feather" to lay "Ron Hood" to rest. He never intended that it should never be taken away from Robin, and so de Koven is anxious to produce it. He is not enough to remind the musical world that it is not enough to be a great opera singer to be a great opera in that dim period when most good music was written. The opera was written by Reginald de Koven and the music by Mr. Ziegfeld staged it in the manner characteristic of the Ziegfelds.

The Zoo is getting its share of attention this week with the Baltimore fair.

"The Fatal Wedding," one of the most popular shows shown at Havill's next Sunday night, was introduced in New York City.

Interest from the usual run of people is being attracted to the performance, and contains a plot that is as gripping as any to be found in the show business.

The scenic effects are the scene showing the great

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This winter has been somewhat well received by the audiences the Italian band leader draws. The troupe is in the process of making a record, and is starting to split the rock with his omnipresent number one. No string orchestra here, either.

NEW YORK BOWLERS BEAT ANSON'S TEAM AT CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The American Bowling Congress has announced that the five men from New York have won the title.

ation has been accord to none. It is said that his playing of the Spanish dances is a remarkable revelation.

When "Knighthood Was in Flower" will be the attraction at the Crawford next week, commencing the engagement with a Sunday matinee. The tips has not passed when ropes were used to break the crowd.

Nothing is more tested in the theatrical age than to witness the death of

defeated here last night in a match with the New Yorks. The games were and the New Yorks finished 11-10.

lived. This was accomplished by a roll-out move of Voorhees and a roll-out move of the New Yorks. The New Yorks won 11-10.

Amusements

WORDS OF PRAISE.

The Following Testimonials From the Press, Financial Institutions and Customers Prove Not Only the Great Merit of the Kellerstrass Whisky, but the Company to Be the Greatest Distilling Company in the World.

The Kellerstrass Distilling Company of Kansas City, Mo., the proprietors of Kellerstrass Rye Whisky, have one of the most completely equipped plants of the kind in the world. They make the whisky, bottle it, pack it for shipment and send it direct to the consumer without ever allowing it to pass through the hands of the dealer. By this method of dealing the purity of the whisky is insured, and the company can guarantee its uniform quality and flavor to the consumer. St. Louis Republic, November 9, 1902.

Kellerstrass Rye is the best-known whisky in the world. Every town and hamlet from one end of the country to the other has its regular patrons of the Kellerstrass Distilling Company of Kansas City, Mo. The phenomenal success of this company is due to the merit of its whisky. They are extensive advertisers, but we know from years of experience in the newspaper business that, unless an article has real merit, advertising cannot make its sale profitable. New York World, Nov. 6, 1902.

The delicious flavor and the purity of Kellerstrass Rye is proverbial. This well-known whisky is made by the Kellerstrass Distilling Company of Kansas City, Mo. Millions of bottles of it have been sold, and not a single customer has ever expressed his dissatisfaction. This is a remarkable record and certainly speaks well for the high grade of this famous whisky. Chicago American, Nov. 8, 1902.

A striking example of the wonderful results produced by modern business methods is the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. of Kansas City, Mo. This company sells whisky by mail and has thousands of customers residing in all parts of the country. New York Journal, Nov. 4, 1902.

It pays to satisfy people at this day and age. The merchant who sells on the "mail-order" or "money-back" plan and adheres to it strictly is seldom heard to complain of a scarcity of business. The Kellerstrass Distilling Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has fully 300,000 customers, every one of whom it claims is satisfied. Their great success under these conditions is not so remarkable after all. Minneapolis Farmers' Tribune, Nov. 7, 1902.

The development of the mail-order business in the last few years has been little short of marvelous. It is now possible to buy and sell almost anything on the mail-order plan. The Kellerstrass Distilling Co. of Kansas City, Mo., which has long been famous for the purity of its whisky, has adopted the plan of selling direct to the consumer. The business of this company has developed until the entire output of its distillery is now sold in this way. It is said the express companies are almost swamped by the enormous shipments that go out from the Kellerstrass Company every day. Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Nov. 4, 1902.

Kellerstrass Rye, the famous whisky of the Kellerstrass Distilling Company of Kansas City, Mo., is known and used by more people than any other brand of whisky. Its wonderful popularity is due to its absolute purity and delightful flavor. In order to avoid any possibility of adulteration, the Kellerstrass company ships their whisky direct from their distillery to the consumer, never selling to dealers under any circumstances. They guarantee the quality of the whisky, and will refund money in case it does not prove perfectly satisfactory. That it is all they claim is proven by the fact that the company has over 300,000 regular customers residing in all parts of the United States and Canada. Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye, Nov. 15, 1902.

Kansas City, Mo., boasts of the fact that it has the largest mail-order whisky house in the world. This is the Kellerstrass Distilling Co., which has established a national reputation for the purity of its whisky. This company has fully 300,000 customers and ships whisky to every state and territory in the Union. Houston Post, Nov. 4, 1902.

The adulteration of whisky has become so universal a practice, it is almost impossible for the consumer to secure at any price whisky that is absolutely pure. This is not the fault of the distiller, but the middlemen or retail dealers. The Kellerstrass Distilling Co. of Kansas City, Mo., in order to insure its whisky reaching the consumer in the same pure state that it leaves the distillery has adopted the plan of selling and shipping direct to its customers. This plan is proving popular is evidenced by the fact that the Kellerstrass company has grown to be the largest whisky house in the world. Atlanta Constitution, Nov. 4, 1902.

Some dealers adulterate their whisky because they can thus make a larger profit. That they make a serious mistake is demonstrated by the wonderful success of the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. of Kansas City, Mo., which has built up its enormous trade entirely by selling a whisky that is absolutely pure. This company ships millions of bottles of its famous whisky every year, and is generally conceded to be the largest whisky house in the world. Omaha Bee, Nov. 7, 1902.

The wonderful growth of the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. from a small concern to the largest mail-order whisky house in the world has attracted the attention of business men everywhere. When coupled with up-to-date business methods, when coupled with an article of merit, it produces wonderful results. This company, which is located in Kansas City, Mo., has achieved a great success by selling the highest grade whisky at a price heretofore charged for the inferior grades. St. Joseph Gazette, Nov. 16, 1902.

Kellerstrass Rye is used regularly by more people than any other brand of whisky in the world. This whisky is noted for its purity, its delicate flavor and its uniformity of taste and color. The Kellerstrass Distilling Co. of Kansas City, Mo., the makers of this famous whisky, deal with their customers direct. They employ no salesmen, and do not sell to dealers. They claim that this is the only way they can assure their customers receiving the whisky in the same pure state it leaves the distillery. St. Joseph News, Nov. 15, 1902.

Gouverneur, N. Y., July 20, 1902.—Kellerstrass Distilling Company, Kansas City, Mo. Gentlemen:—The whisky I ordered of you, eight bottles of 10-year-old Rye, came all right, and is the best whisky I have used in a long time. Four bottles hold a full quart and if any man wants a first-class article he will make no mistake in ordering from you. When I need any more whisky you will hear from me again. Friends of mine who have sampled your whisky claim it is superior to any other brand they have ever used. Yours truly, C. A. HILTS.

Oberlin, Kas., Oct. 5, 1902.—Kellerstrass Distilling Company, Kansas City, Mo. Gentlemen:—I can tell you that the whisky I received from you is the very best whisky I have ever used in my life. My friends declare also that it is the best whisky they have ever drunk. You can rely upon getting my trade as long as you can ship as the goods you have been shipping us for the past few years. Yours truly, MICHAEL SILVER.

Chandler, Minn., Sept. 12, 1902.—Kellerstrass Distilling Company, Kansas City, Mo. Gentlemen:—I want to thank you for your promptness in sending my goods. I am well pleased with it and will do all I can to recommend your goods to my friends and neighbors, and you can use my name in any way you see fit in spreading the fame and name of your goods, and there is not a question but what it is the best and purest whisky that we have ever had in this section. Yours truly, JOHN SQUIER.

Mapleville, Ark., Aug. 31, 1902.—Kellerstrass Distilling Company, Kansas City, Mo. Dear Sir:—I guess you thought I had forgotten you, but I never forgot a good thing in all my life. I have just given you an order for five gallons of your ten-year-old Rye, as it is the best whisky we have ever been able to get hold of. There is no use of your writing me any letters, as you will always hold my trade as long as I need any whisky. Yours truly, G. A. HUNSEY.

The American National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27, 1902.—To Whom It May Concern: We take pleasure in recommending to the business community the Kellerstrass Distilling Company of this city, of which Mr. Ernest Kellerstrass is president.

Ever since they were established in this city they have transacted their banking business with us, and we have watched with interest the wonderful growth of their business. That phenomenal success is an unflinching indication of integrity, knowledge and indefatigable energy. We have given them permission to use our bank as reference, having answered many inquiries about them, and there is not a single case reported to us that did not come up to our recommendation.

We wish this progressive firm abundant success in the future, to which they are certainly entitled, and, no doubt, will obtain. Very truly yours, G. B. GRAY, Cashier.

Traders' Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27, 1902.—To Whom It May Concern: I take pleasure in stating that I have for several years done business with the Kellerstrass Distilling Company of this city, of which Mr. Ernest Kellerstrass is president, and that our relations have been most satisfactory. Their credit standing is first-class and the wonderful growth of their business during the past five years is abundant evidence of their square dealings with their customers. Yours very truly, J. R. DOMINICK, President.

Hamburg, Ark., Sept. 17, 1902.—Kellerstrass Distilling Company, Kansas City, Mo. Gentlemen:—I desire to say a word in favor of your whisky. I have been using it for nearly three years and I can truly say that it is the most delightful and invigorating beverage that I have ever drunk for purity and excellence. It is superior to all other brands, and I have suffered greatly with general disability, but since using it my health is greatly improved and my work has become a real pleasure. Yours truly, W. E. WHITNEY.

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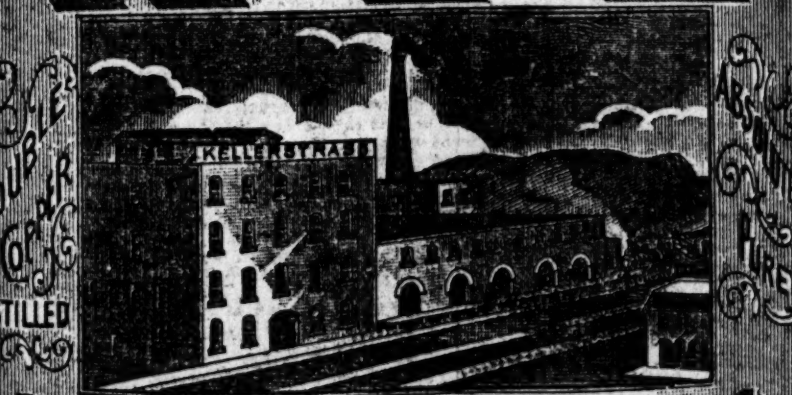
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Nov. 4, 1901.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the KELLERSTRASS DISTILLING COMPANY have this day deposited one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in Gold with us, and authorized us to pay it to any one who will prove that there ever was, or ever is a drop of whiskey taken out of their Bonded Warehouse, located right at their United States Registered Distillery, No. 22, 6th District of Missouri, that is not absolutely pure, according to United States Government inspection.

Ernest Kellerstrass

We also authorize the above bank to return your money to you and charge the same to our account, if you find that we do not do just as we advertise. We have over 400,000 customers in the United States, which ought to speak for itself. You can buy our whisky only through us. The above offer has stood for nearly two years, but the money is still in the bank, there never having been a claimant.

SPECIAL OFFER.

I want to say just a few words to the people of this country who have use for an absolutely pure whisky for medicinal purposes. By placing before the people of this country a high-grade whisky that has never been equaled, I have now in the neighborhood of 500,000 customers, and I shipped out more bottles of whisky by express in 1903 than any other one house in America; this is an absolute fact. Kindly read the testimonials in the column to the left—they will speak for themselves. This is a new record in the whisky business; in fact, it might be termed a whirlwind record, but I am not as yet satisfied. I want every person in this country to have my now famous Kellerstrass Rye Whisky, and in order to do this I am going to make a special offer. I am going to send two gallons of my ten-year-old Kellerstrass Rye Whisky and four sample bottles, two glasses and two corkscrews, all express charges paid, on receipt of \$5.30. This is giving each one who takes advantage of this order \$1.00, for I have always sold this whisky for \$3.15 per gallon; but remember, I will only send one order to a person. In case you feel that you do not wish two gallons yourself, you can get a neighbor to enlist with you. I know that this offer is going to bring in an avalanche of orders, but I love these whirlwind paces, and I can assure you that I will at all times do my part in furnishing the purest whisky ever sold from a distiller direct to the consumer. Now is the time to get this whisky at a price never before offered, and my only object in making this special offer is in having my whisky in every household in this country, knowing that if you once use Kellerstrass Rye Whisky you will never think of having any other brand of whisky in your home.

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